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Main Street Montana Fall Edition Highlights Silver Bow County

HELENA - - - "Tap 'er light, grab a pint and see what *The Daily Show* Missed," reads the fall 2006 headline of Main Street Montana; a publication produced by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry in partnership with the Montana Department of Commerce and the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

The opening statement from Butte resident and Chief Business Officer Evan Barrett rests below a 1939 Consumers Oil photo, when gas was 18 cents per gallon, which according to Barrett, "Discloses an opportunity for many areas in Montana where, at a time of \$75 a barrel oil and \$3 a gallon gas, energy development is a target for good jobs and growth."

Butte, America where the ethnic diversity of the melting pot meant the safety instructions in the mines had to be written in 16 languages; where 24 hours a day men drove miles deep to bring up the minerals needed for our growing nation.

Each edition of the Main Street provides insightful tools from the various divisions within the Department of Labor and Industry, Department of Commerce and the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity to assist over 35,000 Montana employers in maximizing their business potential.

"While the private sector drives our economic engine, at times there are small gaps in funding and critical infrastructure that government must address to ensure

businesses continue to come to Montana, and then expand once they see what our workforce can produce,” said Commerce Director Tony Preite.

Main Street Montana magazine strives to highlight these public/private partnerships as part of the important economic growth in Montana.

“The Main Street provides us the vehicle to showcase Montana’s resiliency and the heart of Montana’s workforce,” said Labor Commissioner Keith Kelly. “No government program should stand alone, but rather work together to ensure we have the best trained workers and state of the art infrastructure to ensure Montana can compete in the global economy.”

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